MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Annual Congregational Meeting, Luncheon – January 26, 2025

Mark your calendars for the Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service on January 26! Please come out to help us get our quorum of 40 people for the meeting to discuss the work of our congregation. We will also have a Congregational Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the meeting.

Committee Chairpeople: Please get your Committee Reports for the Bulletin of Reports to Pastor Peter as soon as you can. Thanks!

Special Event: Motown Mass on Feb. 2 at Both Services! Soul for the Soul

You and your friends and neighbors are invited to a special "Motown Mass: Soul for the Soul" at both the 8:00 and 10:15 am communion services! All the music will be classic R&B selected by Pastor Peter. Come out for this fun and festive communion service.

Note: This will be in-person only. There will be no livestream on this day due to copyrighting.

Next Adult Forum is Jan. 19: A Muddy Creek History from 1876

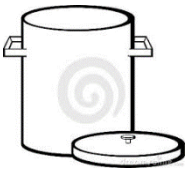
The Adult Forum will resume on Sun. Jan. 19 at 9 am. in the Fellowship Hall. In our archives, we discovered a copy of the history of Muddy Creek written by Pastor Henry in 1876 for the nation's centennial. Pastor Peter will present copies of this history which he transcribed.

Jesus 'n Me Playgroup, Sun. Jan. 5 at 9 AM in the Nursery

"Are Tigers Ticklish? A Celebration of Creation"

We will make pine cone bird feeders for our feathered friends to help them during the winter months.

Upcoming: Sunday, Feb. 2 at 9 a.m.: "Fishin' With God"



"Soup-er Bowl" of Caring

Mark your calendars for Feb. 9th, Super Bowl Sunday. We'll celebrate in church by wearing your favorite sports jerseys (any team of any sport), and by collecting loose change from the congregation to give to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Even as we celebrate the Super Bowl with snacks and feasting, we remember all in this world who are hungry or who have to rely on soup kitchens for food! Come out for the fun!

We will also be welcoming the East Cocalico Lions Club at Muddy Creek on this day!

Peter's Porch Collection

The Food Collection for Peter's Porch (our local food pantry) will be Sunday, Jan. 5, which is the first Sunday of the month. Food donations can be placed in the bins in the sanctuary entrances. The February Collection will be on Sun. Feb. 2.

Peter's Porch distributes the food on the first Saturday of every month from 8-10 a.m. Contact Pastor Peter if you are interested in volunteering with the monthly distribution.

The 2025 Offering Envelopes are in the Church Mailboxes

For those who use offering envelopes to contribute to Muddy Creek, don't forget to check your church mailboxes for your 2024 envelopes. Reminder: Your mailbox is <u>below</u> your name.

Brenda and Friends Bus Trip Schedule

*February 27, 2025 - "The Best of the Mahoney Brothers" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Enjoy a hot plated lunch and unlimited dessert buffet before the afternoon show. The greatest hits of the BeeGees, Neil Diamond, the Beatles, the California Sound, Billy Joel and Willie Nelson are just some of the musical legends presented in this exciting and uplifting musical tribute.

*March 3, 2025 - Asher's Chocolate and Philadelphia Flower Show "Gardens of Tomorrow". Also Included is a buffet lunch at Mission BBQ.

*March 7, 2025 - "Bill Haley, Jr. and the Comets" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Enjoy a hot plated lunch and unlimited dessert buffet before the afternoon show. Bill Haley Jr. and The Comets is a high-energy five-piece combo performing a rousing, crowd-pleasing set of songs first recorded at the dawn of Rock 'n' Roll in the early and mid- 1950s by the legendary Bill Haley and The Comets.

*March 13, 2025 - "The Irish Cabaret" with Andy Cooney at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Enjoy a hot plated lunch and unlimited dessert buffet before the afternoon show. Andy adds to his troupe by inviting other talented entertainers.

Thank You Notes

Thanks for all the lovely cards and messages. Special thanks to the Christmas angel(s) for their generous gifts. It is greatly appreciated. - Peggy Leid

Many thanks to those from Peace and Muddy Creek churches who helped with the Veteran's Wreath project including financial contributions, hands-on volunteering, providing use of equipment and clean up. Thirteen people arrived in the fellowship room at Muddy Creek Church Saturday morning December 14 to tie red ribbons on 246 wreaths and place them on a trailer to take to the cemetery. The Adamstown Troop 61 Boy Scouts and Cub Pack boys and their participating parents accompanied the wreaths to the cemetery. After a brief ceremony at the cemetery flagpole, wreaths were placed on the veterans' graves by the scouts and helpers.

- Judy Nichol

Thank you to all who brought gifts and items in for our Christmas Caring Tree Project. The gifts were brought to women and children at the Good Samaritan Shelter in Ephrata.

Thank you to all who helped set up and decorate the church for Advent and Christmas! Thank you to Jane Wenger for coordinating the effort, to Tim Fritz for organizing the putting up of the pew candles and for filling the candles with oil, to the Dimitris/Weber family for donating the Christmas trees once again this year, to all who donated poinsettias to make the church look lovely for Christmas, and to all who helped take down the decorations. Many thanks!

Condolences

Our condolences to the family of George Nagle, who passed away on Dec. 11. The funeral was on Dec. 16.

Our condolences to the family of Paul Moyer, who passed away on Dec. 16. The funeral was on Dec. 23.

Our condolences to Judy Dengler at the death of her sister-in-law Carolee Weller on Dec. 17.

Attendance

Worship Attendance	Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel and Facebook
November 24, 8 a.m. – 28, 10:15 a.m. - 59	20 (includes livestream)
December 1, 8 a.m. – 23, 10:15 a.m. - 59	45 (includes livestream)
December 8, 8 a.m. – 25, 10:15 a.m. - 43	37 (includes livestream)
December 15, 8 a.m. – 21, 10:15 a.m. - 57	32 (includes livestream)
December 22, 8 a.m. – 24, 10:15 a.m. - 57	39 (includes livestream)
December 24, Christmas Eve: 4:30 p.m. - 127, 10:30 p.m. - 67,	98 (includes livestream)
December 29, 9 a.m. – 48	32 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 105 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 216 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page.)

Offering

Income to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of November: $210,695.81
Expenses to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of November: $180,369.00

Worship Helpers in January

Jan. 5 - Bread Baker - Marliese Smith, 8 am Communion Assistant - Judy Dengler
10:15 am - Acolyte and Communion Assistant-
10:15 am Lay Reader - Brad Rauch
10:15 am Cantor - David Sensenig
10:15 am Money Counters - Marie Buohl, Connie Hoover, Charles Leid

Jan. 12, 10:15 am Acolyte -
10:15 am Lay Reader - Fred Hainley
10:15 am Cantor - Gail Bare
10:15 am Money Counters - Brad and Doris Rauch

Jan. 19, 10:15 am Acolyte -
10:15 am Lay Reader - Judy Nichol
10:15 am Cantor - Greg Gehman
10:15 am Money Counters - Brenda Berger, Judy Nichol, Audrey Noll

Jan. 26, (Annual Meeting) 10:15 am Acolyte -
10:15 am Lay Reader - Lynn Breidenstein
10:15 am Cantor - Hollie Kemper
10:15 am Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart

January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our "Over 80" Members with January Birthdays:
Jan. 1 - Patrick Shober, 81, 114 Fausnacht Drive, Denver, PA 17517
Jan. 12 – Elaine Sensenig, 83, 270 Clay School Road, Lot 15, Ephrata, PA 17522
Jan. 13 – Mary Ann Weber, 84, 543 Panorama Drive, Denver, PA 17517

December Birthdays
Jan.1 – Patrick Shober, Chastity Heist, Sam Beichner
Jan. 3 – Robin Breidenstein
Jan. 5 – Barbara Yerger
Jan. 7 – Greg Adair
Jan. 8 – Denise Burkhart, Tierney Ueberroth
Jan. 9 – Yvonne Zimmerman, Michael Prudente
Jan. 10 – Joseph Becker II
Jan. 11 – Cindy Leamy, Scott Burkhart, Jordan Weaver, Kole Fichthorn
Jan. 12 – Gail Bare, Scott Dimitris, Elaine Sensenig
Jan. 13 – Mary Ann Weber, Tammy Aungst, Will Meckley, Charles Breidenstein
Jan. 15 – Mercy McCalicher
Jan. 16 – Judy Nichol, Linda Gerhart
Jan. 17 – Ronald Buohl, Ella Grant, Emma Tafuri-Carretta
Jan. 18 - Addie Hartman
Jan. 20 – Benjamin Fritz, Kati Prudente, Martin Rauch
Jan. 23 – James Geissel Jr.
Jan. 24 – Angela Rutt
Jan. 25 – Patti Weaver, Leroy Berger, George Wentzel III
Jan. 26 – Lewis Killian Jr.
Jan. 27 – Dylan Brossman
Jan. 29 – Zachary Sheaffer
Jan. 30 – Dinah Nolt, Patti Nixon
Jan. 31 – Traci Galen, Rachel Loose, Tony Rowley, Harrison Schnader, Ellie Wise